

### **Remarks**

This application is a Divisional of US serial number 09/809,883, filed March 16, 2001. In a preliminary amendment filed contemporaneously with this divisional application, claims 1-23 were cancelled and claims 24-42 were presented for prosecution. An Office Action with an Election/Restriction Requirement is addressed below. Claim 34 is currently amended and claims 35-41 have been withdrawn. Claims 24-33 and 42 remain as filed.

#### Election/Restriction Requirement

The Office Action imposed restriction under 35 USC 121 between two groups of claims.

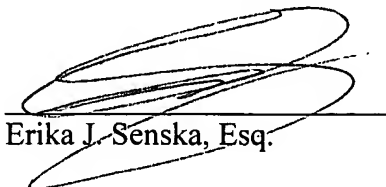
Group I: Claims 24-34 and 42, drawn to a particle, classified in class 428, subclass 402.

Group II: Claims 35-41, drawn to a powder, classified in class 428, subclass 403.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 24-34 and 42, drawn to a particle. This election is without traverse as to Group II.

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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